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SUBJ: ARAB BOYCOTT QUESTION AND OFFICIAL USG ASSISTANCE

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1. NOVEMBER STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT AND ISSUANCE OF COMMERCE
CIRCULAR CONCERNING PROCEDURES IN CASES OF ALLEGED OR POSSIBLE
ETHNIC OR RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION RELATED TO FOREIGN BOYCOTTS
HAVE BEGUN TO CATCH ATTENTION OF SYRIAN OFFICIALDOM, PARTICULARLY
THOSE WORKING WITH US ON OUR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL HERE TO LEARN SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE OF
ADDRESSEE POSTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS RE PROCEDURES INVOLVED
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AS REGARDS RELATIONSHIP OF BOYCOTT QUESTION AND OFFICIAL USG

ASSISTANCE. WHILE OUR PROJECT AGREEMENTS, TENDER REQUESTS, IFB'S, ETC., DO NOT CONTAIN ANY BOYCOTT LANGUAGE, THIS MAY WELL NOT BE CASE WITH LETTERS OF CREDIT (L/C'S), BILLS OF LADING (B/L'S), EXPORT AND SHIPPING DOCUMENTS, ETC., WHEN WE ARRIVE AT THAT STAGE IN NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE.

2. HOW HAVE (OR HOW WILL) OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED WITH OUR AID PROGRAMS, PL 480, EX-IM BANK, OTHER USG AGENCIES UNDER CONTRACT ELIMINATED DISCRIMINATORY BOYCOTT LANGUAGE IN ANY DOCUMENTS DESTINED FOR USG USES AS OPPOSED TO DOCUMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS? HAVE GOVERNMENTS ELIMINATED LANGUAGE ALTOGETHER OR HAS SOME OTHER FORMULA BEEN FOUND IN ORDER TO ABIDE BY USG REGULATIONS?

3. IN SAUDI ARABIA, FOR EXAMPLE, CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS CARRIED ON FOR YEARS WITHOUT BEING INVOLVED WITH SUCH DOCUMENTS (STATE 282483). ALSO, NO BOYCOTT CLAUSES ARE ACTUALLY INCORPORATED IN TO'S AND MPO'S AND TENDERS IN SAUDI ARABIA (JIDDA 8037), BUT THIS DOES NOT SPEAK TO POINT OF OTHER DOCUMENTATION NOTED ABOVE.

4. IN EGYPT, CAIRO 12245 NOTES EGYPTIANS ARE FAMILIAR WITH REQUIREMENT TO LEAVE OUT ANY BOYCOTT REFERENCES IN AID OR IBRD TENDERS, BUT OTHER DOCUMENTS MAY BE A PROBLEM (AS WE HAVE NOTED ABOVE IN SYRIA). WE WOULD ASSUME CHEMTEX-DUPONT EFFORT IN EGYPT (PARA 3, CAIRO 12173) TO DROP BOYCOTT LANGUAGE IS INDEED DUE TO AID FINANCING REQUIREMENT. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT NO AID FINANCING WILL BE SUPPLIED IF ANY DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO SUCH FINANCING (INCLUDING L/C'S, B/L'S ETC.) CONTAINS BOYCOTT LANGUAGE; MOREOVER, AMOUNT AGREED UPON FOR OVERALL FINANCING OF PROJECT OR COMMODITIES WOULD BE REDUCED RPT REDUCED BY SIMILAR AMOUNT. THUS, NOT ONLY WOULD WE REFUSE TO FINANCE BUT WE WOULD INVOKE PENALTY AND REDUCE LOAN TOTAL BY AMOUNT COVERED BY AN DOCUMENTATION CONTAINING BOYCOTT LANGUAGE.

5. ABOVE EXAMPLES ARE ONLY ONES WE HAVE SEEN TOUCHING ON PARTICULAR QUESTION WE HAVE RAISED IN THIS MESSAGE. WE THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE DETAILED EXCHANGE OF IDEAS
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FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS ON THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION, REALIZING, OF COURSE, THAT SOME POSTS (TRIPOLI, BAGHDAD) MAY NOT HAVE DEALT WITH THESE PROBLEMS. ANY COMMENTS, HOWEVER, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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